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QKSTAIR

No report.

QKBROIL

No report.

JBEDICT

No report.

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1. A translation of the first secret-ink letter from the Pine Tree Team has been received. The letter, which was written on 5 August, was the second letter written by this team, but the first to reach Athens. The letter acknowledges the July supply drop (the first of three successful drops to this team) and reports the team active and intact. Mention is made of the widespread anti-Communist feeling in northern Albania and the existence of an organization known as "Freedom of Albania and the Overthrow of Communism". No details are available except that this movement is composed of both soldiers and civilians. The letter closes with the expression that the people of northern Albania wish to establish a buffer zone in that region.

Project Field Chief, believes this letter is an important milestone in the development of the BGFIEND agent network. The firm establishment of this team provides the operation with a funnel through which supplies and additional men can be poured into northern Albania. It is expected that a W/T operator will be dropped to the team in mid-October. The fact that the team followed instructions to the letter and continue to place their loyalty to their country above their loyalty to party is encouraging.

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2. An exhaustive report covering the debriefing of the Cypress Team, which exfiltrated from Albania on 15 August, has been received and is being carefully studied. Several important observations are made by [ ] in commenting on this report. He points out that the team members showed a lack of confidence in the NCFA in that NCFA officers did not accompany the teams. The team members pointed out that, although they were well received by the Albanians they came in contact with, they were not in a position to accomplish their aims without the services of an educated, respected NCFA officer. In addition, [ ] feels the NCFA Junta completely violated their agreement with BGFIEND by the assignment of men to the operation and their approach to this operation on the basis of political allegiance rather than on a basis of loyalty to NCFA. Furthermore, lack of security is evidenced by the fact that families of the men involved in the operation were actually questioned by the Sigurimi prior to the arrival of the men in the area and the fact that the drop zone was apparently known to the Albanian authorities. The team escaped destruction by being dropped a few miles from the selected drop zone.

3. On 13 September

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3. On 13 September the NCFA in New York transmitted a cable to Enver Hoxha offering medicines and foodstuffs to the Albanian people, provided distribution could be supervised by an impartial group. As no reply has been received to date, the message is being released to the press and radio by the NCFE Public Relations Section within the next two days emphasizing Hoxha's refusal to cooperate. This cable, which provides the basis for the next BGFIEND leaflet, is the first step in inaugurating the program of dropping material good to Albania.

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